

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
COUNTYWIDE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

TRANSFER OPPORTUNITY

Two (2) Psychiatric Social Workers I/II or Mental Health Clinicians I/II

The goals of this program are to encourage, facilitate, and maximize improvement of the quality of psychiatric care at Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMDs) and other various levels of care to improve accountability and accessibility in a manner that ensures appropriate placement and use of services within the system of care. It also is responsible for the development of new and innovative ways of delivering care in residential settings for individuals diagnosed with severe and persistent mental illnesses who are requiring residential services. The Psychiatric Social Worker I or II is part of a multidisciplinary team that includes a supervising psychiatric social worker, a psychiatrist, mental health R.N., psychiatric social workers, case managers, and support staff. Primary duties and responsibilities of this position include:

- Participation in IMD and IMD Step-Down treatment planning meetings in Service Areas 3 through 8 to facilitate awareness of quality of care standards, identifying residents whose progress towards return to functioning is delayed, and making recommendations to providers for changes in treatment when appropriate.
- Clinical evaluation of referrals for locked placement both in-office and in FFS hospitals and appropriate documentation for services.
- Assisting the nursing staff, when necessary, in the collection of statistical data related to the goal of determining methods of psychiatric care that ensure high quality and cost effectiveness while facilitating the movement of residents to less restrictive settings.
- Working with the Long Term Care team to develop training programs for IMD providers and their staff to improve the quality of care and treatment in the IMDs.
- Provide contract monitoring to assigned providers and targeted case management services.
- Providing consultation to other county departments, agencies, and providers of psychiatric services, on a case-by-case basis.
- Assisting the department supervisor with administrative tasks when necessary. This includes serving as a team leader and monitoring the workloads and assignments of the case management staff, communicating regularly with the Program Director and the Medical Director, communicating information to the Long Term Care team and providers, attending various County Mental Health meetings, providing consultation to staff, and providing coverage for the program supervisor as needed.
- Participation in the social work affiliate programs for training professional social work students including technical instruction and case assignments and assessment and evaluation.

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:

- Clinical experience in working with clients having multiple diagnoses, including severe and persistent mental illness, substance abuse, homelessness, and/or incarceration.
- Experience in working with multidisciplinary team.
- Knowledge and experience in providing services to clients with forensic histories *preferred*.
- Adaptable and flexible.

This position's headquarter is currently located at 1925 Daly Street, 2nd floor, Los Angeles, CA 90031. However, this program is projected to relocate to DMH Headquarters, 550 S. Vermont Ave., CA 90020 in October 2014.

Interested individuals holding title to the above position are encouraged to send their resume, last two (2) Performance Evaluations and last two (2) years of master time records by **Friday, August 29, 2014** to:

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